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ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

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which he has removed.

1776

FORM of GOVERN-MENT agreed to by the Delegates of Maryland in free and full Convention assembled.

Constitution of

years of age or upwards, who shall have been one year next 2. That the house of delepreceding the election a resigates shall be chosen in the dent of the State, and for six following manner: All freemonths a resident of the city men above twenty-one years of Baltimore, or of any of age, having a freehold of county in which he may offer to vote, and being at the fifty acres of land in the time of the election a citizen county in which they offer to vote, and residing therein, of the United States, shall be entitled to vote in the ward and all freemen having propor election district in which erty in this State above the he resides, in all elections value of thirty pounds curhereafter to be held; and at rent money, and having resided in the county in which all such elections the vote they offer to vote one whole shall be taken by ballot. And year next preceding the elecin case any county or city shall be so divided as to form tion, shall have a right of portions of different electoral suffrage in the election of districts for the election of delegates for such county; Congressmen, Senator, dele- and all freemen so qualified shall, on the first Monday of gate, or other officer or of-October seventeen hundred ficers, then to entitle a perand seventy-seven, and on son to vote for such officer, the same day in every year he must have been a resident thereafter, assemble in the of that part of the county or city which shall form a part counties in which they are respectively qualified to vote, of the electoral district in at the court-house in the said which he offers to vote, for counties, or at such other six months next preceding place as the legislature shall the election; but a person direct, and when assembled who shall have acquired a they shall proceed to elect, residence in such county or viva voce, four delegates for city entitling him to vote at their respective counties, of any such election, shall be the most wise, sensible, and entitled to vote in the elecdiscreet of the people, resition district from which he dents in the county where removed, until he shall have they are to be chosen one acquired a residence in the whole year next preceding part of the county or city to the election, above twentyone years of age, and having in the State real or personal property above the value of five hundred pounds current money, and upon the final casting of the polls the four persons who shall appear to have the greatest number of legal votes, shall be declared

Amendments to 1776 Constitution

The CONSTITUTION and Proposed by Act of 1801, chapter 90. Ratified 1802.

> Every free white male Citizen of this State, and no other, above twenty one vears of age, having resided twelve months in the County next preceding the election at which he offers to vote; and every free white male Citizen of this State above twenty one years of age, and having obtained a residence of twelve months next preceding the election in the City of Baltimore or the City of Annapolis and at which a right of suffrage and shall vote by Ballot in the election of such County or City or either of them for Delegates to the general Assembly. Electors of the Senate and Sheriffs.

Proposed by Act of 1809, chapter 83. Ratified 1810.

Every free white male Citizen of this State above twenty one years of age, and no other having resided twelve months within this State and six months in the County, or in the City of Annapolis or Baltimore next preceding the election at which he offers to vote, shall have a right of suffrage and shall vote by ballot in the election of such County or city, or either, of them for electors of the president and vice president of the United States, for representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, for delegates to the General Assembly of this State, electors of the senate and sheriffs.

Proposed by Act of 1809, chapter 198. Ratified 1810.

All such parts of the con-